

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTINA KELLER,

Plaintiff,

v.

**Case No.: 2:18-cv-341
JUDGE GEORGE C. SMITH
Magistrate Judge Jolson**

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. 19). Due notice having been given, the parties are in agreement, and the Court being fully advised,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Parties' Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act is accepted and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$1,937.50;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a preexisting debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ George C. Smith
**GEORGE C. SMITH, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**